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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NL/EEC

SUBJ: DUTCH POSITION RE EC-US CONSULTATIONS

1. AT CONCLUSION MY MEETING WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL  
APRIL 5 ON OTHER MATTERS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HE GAVE  
ME BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE EC FONMINS' MEETING APRIL 1-2.

2. ACCORDING TO VAN DER STOEL, FRENCH INDICATION THAT  
THEY WOULD ONLY AGREE TO US-EC CONSULTATIONS ON DUAL  
CONDITIONS THAT EC POSITION ON PARTICULAR ISSUE HAD  
BEEN CRYSTALIZED AND THAT THERE WAS UNANIMITY THAT THE  
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PARTICULAR ISSUE REQUIRED CONSULTATION WAS BADLY

RECEIVED BY THE OTHER EIGHT WHO ARE AGREEABLE TO CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO FINALIZATION OF POSITIONS. FURTHERMORE, ALL ARE LEERY OF GIVING FRANCE A DE FACTO VETO OVER CONSULTATIONS THROUGH THE UNANIMITY REQUIREMENT.

3. VAN DER STOEL SAID THE GON "WOULD FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE AT COMMON POSITION WITH FRANCE" IF LATTER VETOED CONSULTATIONS ON AN ISSUE WHICH DUTCH FELT REQUIRED CONSULTATION.

4. COMMENT: IMPLICATION WAS THAT VAN DER STOEL WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE ON THE FRENCH BY VETOING A PROPOSED EC ACTION WHICH THE DUTCH THOUGHT WAS IMPORTANT TO US INTERESTS BUT ON WHICH THE FRENCH REFUSED TO ALLOW EC CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US. VAN DER STOEL'S STRONG FEELINGS ON THIS POINT COULD PROVE USEFUL "STOPPER" ON FUTURE ISSUES INVOLVING EC INITIATIVE AND US INTERESTS.  
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